

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

maintaining a centralized register of usage contexts and pre-stored user profiles of a user ~~in~~ of an electronic device, where each user profile of the user is being associated with at least one usage context,

indicating a particular one of said usage contexts for selection by the user of the electronics device;

~~entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected~~ the selected usage context,

identifying said entering,

selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and

performing authentication of the user of the electronic device in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the selected user profile comprises at least one of the following: a user key, a user certificate.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 2, wherein said user key further comprises at least one of the following a public key and a secret key.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the selected usage context comprises an event in a service or application being used in the electronic device by the user, said event further comprising at least one of the following: authentication event, verifying event.

5. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 1, wherein the authentication comprises authenticating user's identity when accessing to the selected usage context.

6. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 1, wherein the authentication comprises authenticating a transaction made by the user in the selected usage context.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An electronic device~~ The method according to claim 1, comprising:  
~~a centralized register comprising usage contexts and pre-stored user profiles of a user of the electronic device, where each user profile is being associated with at least one usage context,~~  
~~entering means for entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage context,~~  
~~identifying means for identifying said entering,~~  
~~selecting means for selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and~~  
~~performing means for performing a user authentication in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile where selecting the user profile comprises identifying, by the electronic device, that the selected usage context is being used for a first time and prompting the user to enter a user profile for the selected usage context.~~

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An electronic device according to claim 7, wherein said performing means are arranged to perform said authentication by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate the user's identity when accessing the user to the selected usage context~~ The method according to claim 1, where selecting the user profile comprises identifying, by the electronic device, that the selected usage context is not being used for a first time and providing a list of user profiles for the selected usage context to the user of the electronics device to select from.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An electronic device according to claim 7, wherein said performing means are arranged to perform said authentication by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate a transaction made by the user in the selected usage context~~ The method

according to claim 1, where the particular one of said usage contexts is indicated based on a location of the electronic device and where the selected usage context is de-selected when the electronic device leaves the location.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An electronic device according to claim 8, wherein said user profile comprises at least one of the following: user key and user certificate~~ The apparatus according to claim 13, where selecting the user profile comprises identifying, by the apparatus, that the selected usage context is being used for a first time and prompting the user to enter a user profile for the selected usage context.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An electronic device according to claim 10, wherein said user key further comprises public key and secret key~~ The apparatus according to claim 13, where selecting the user profile comprises identifying, by the apparatus, that the selected usage context is not being used for a first time and providing a list of user profiles for the selected usage context to the user of the apparatus to select from.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An electronic device according to claim 11, wherein said electronic device is a mobile communication device~~ The apparatus according to claim 13, where the particular one of said usage contexts is indicated based on a location of the apparatus and where the selected usage context is de-selected when the apparatus leaves the location.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code, where the at least one memory and the computer program code are configured, with the at least one processor, to cause the apparatus to at least:

maintain a centralized register comprising usage contexts and pre-stored user profiles of a user of the apparatus, where each user profile is being associated with at least one usage context,

indicate a particular one of said usage contexts for selection by the user of the apparatus;  
~~an interface for entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts enter the~~  
selected usage context,

~~a processor configured to:~~  
~~identifying identify said entering,~~  
~~selecting select from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying,~~  
and  
~~performing perform authentication of the user of the apparatus in the selected usage~~  
context by using data from the selected user profile.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program executable by a processor to perform actions of an electronic device for authenticating a user of said electronic device in a plurality of usage contexts the user is able to use, the actions comprising:

maintaining a centralized register of the usage contexts and prestored user profiles of the user of the electronic device in the electronic device, where each user profile is being associated with at least one usage context,

indicating a particular one of said usage contexts for selection by the user of the electronics device;

~~entering to a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected the selected~~ usage context,

identifying said entering,

selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and  
performing authentication of the user of the electronic device in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the ~~processor is configured to perform said authentication~~ is performed by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate the user's identity when accessing the user to the selected usage context.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the ~~processor is configured to perform said authentication~~ is performed by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate a transaction made by the user in the selected usage context.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to ~~claim 15~~ claim 13, wherein said user profile comprises at least one of the following: user key and user certificate.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~An electronic device~~ The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said user key further comprises a public key and a secret key.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said apparatus is a mobile communication device.

20. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, where selecting a user profile comprises identifying, by the electronic device, that the selected usage context is being used for a first time and prompting the user to enter a user profile for the selected usage context.

21. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, where selecting a user profile comprises, identifying, by the electronic device, that the selected usage context is not being used for a first time and providing a list of user profiles for the selected usage context to the user of the electronics device to select from.

22. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, where the particular one of said usage contexts is indicated based on a location of the electronic device and where the selected usage context is de-selected when the electronic device leaves the location.

23. (New) The method according to claim 1, where the user is notified of the selected user profile.

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24. (New) The apparatus according to claim 13, where the user is notified of the selected user profile

25. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, where the user is notified of the selected user profile.